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The month of August was very busy for Shiksha Sopan Volunteers as well as for children. The main events of this month were "Independence Day", workshops by Science cell and Rakhee to our well wishers from Shiksha Sopan on Raksha Bandhan. All Evening Centers, Science Cell, Sopan Library and Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra were going well.

Independence Day Programme at L-7

Independence Day celebration is one of the regular functions of Shiksha Sopan to strengthen the feeling of belongingness with India. All children and volunteers of Shiksha Sopan put large effort for the success of this program. Shiksha Sopan Independence Day cultural event was held at L-7 on 20th August (Saturday) from 5:30PM to 07:30PM. The lecture hall was fully packed with audience. Lots of people were seated on the stairs of the lecture hall. Dr Sanjay Sharma, Professor, physics department, DBS college, Kanpur lighted the lamp in front of Bharat Maa's photo. Whole surrounding was resounding with "Bharat Mata ki Jai".



Program was started with lightning the lamp. The main slogan for this Independence program was "दो शब्दों की दिव्य चेतना, राष्ट्र भाव संचारती, वंदे मातरम गाकर कर लो भारत माँ की आरती". A drama was played by children of Barasirohi Evening center. Tiny tots from Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra were a center of attraction when they gave a number of dance performance. A drama on our freedom fighters was also played by SASK children. Some group dances were also performed by Sopan library member. Our senior volunteer Mr Madan Vaijapurkar put up solo song " ऐ मेरे प्यारे वतन..".

Dr Sanjay Sharma, our chief guest gave an inspirational speech for the audience, he told about the sacrifices of our patriot and Scientists.

All children showed their hidden talent to the audience. The whole event was centered around patriotism and commitment to do something meaningful to the society. The 300+ audience too was highly charged and they were repeatedly shouting slogans showing their enthusiasm.

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey anchored the whole program. Mr Atul was looking after the whole arrangement of sound and light in the hall.



Seema Verma, Pushpa Tripathi and Geeta ji, etc were all the time busy behind the stage to prepare children with their makeup etc. The whole program was full of dances, songs, skits etc. by the children with a theme of National belonging. With the support of everyone, the event found new height of success.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Independence Day Program

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated the Independence Day program on 15th August 2016 at Barasirohi. Morning 09:30 was the timing for flag hosting. Dr H C Verma, Dr Sameer Khandekar, Mr Anurag Pandey with a school student hosted the flag. Children saluted the National flag and enthusiastically recited National Anthem.



Ms Shushma Yadav, Ms Ashu Chaudhary, Mr Nikhil and some other IIT students gave inspirational speech for children. Children of Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra sang very nice patriotic songs. All people present encouraged the children by clapping loudly. Anahita and Kashish, students of Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, anchored the whole program. Sweets were distributed among all the persons.

Dr H C Verma and Dr Sameer Khandekar presented a momentum to Ms Ashu Chaudhary. She is a senior volunteer of Shiksha Sopan and associated with Sopan from a long time. She had completed her PhD from IIT Kanpur and going to Japan for her further research.

Raksha Bandhan Program

Students of SASK were trained in making Rakhee on the occasion of Raksha-Bandhan. On 17th August, 2016, they celebrated this festival. Mr Kush, Mr Nikhil, Mr Nikhil Banwal, Mr Eshan and his team members from IITK were present there. Ms Seema Verma, Principal SASK, distributed these self-designed and self-made Rakhee to all the well wishers of Shiksha Sopan.



Plantation and Uniform distribution

Most of the children from SASK and some Sopan volunteers participated in a program organized by SASK on 13th August, 2016 aimed at environment awareness. They gathered at SASK premises where Ms Ashu Chaudhary motivated the children. She told that we should plant trees near our houses and near our villages. She also told that we should plant trees on all the vacant places in our village on towns where we live, and we should advise all to do so. SASK children, teachers and Ms Ashu planted some plants.

Uniform distribution program was held on 13th August, 2016. Uniforms were distributed to the students studying in class 1st to class 8th. A total of 40 students got uniforms. They were very happy after getting the uniforms. These uniforms were distributed by Ms Ashu Chaudhary, PhD student, IIT Kanpur.



Winning quiz competition

A quiz competition based on general knowledge was organized by Opportunity School, IIT Kanpur on 6th August, 2016 at L-7. Students studying in class 6th to class 8th at SASK participated in this competition. The whole program was well organized. Some of our volunteers were also there to help the organizing team. More than 10 schools participated in this quiz competition.

The competent teams of judges judged this competition. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the competition. SASK team (Mr Ajay, Ms Lakshmi and Ms Sonam) got second prize in this competition. Ms Seema Verma, principal, SASK motivated these children and congratulated them for their bright future.

New volunteers from IITK

Some of the IITK students Ms Shruti, Mr Amit, Mr R Vishnuraj, Mr Raj Kumar Yadav, Mr Abhishek Panchal, Mr Pawan Kumar, Mr Lokesh Purohit, Ms Saumya and Mr Krishna Singhal started to come at SASK to help the children in their academics. They started to come at SASK after so many efforts of Ms Nikhil and Mr Kush, IITK undergraduate students. Ms Ashu Chaudhary and Ms Shushma Yadav with Ms Seema verma welcomed all the new volunteers. These volunteers will give classes on Science, Mathematics and English.

Special Classes on Mathematics at Sopan Ashram

Strong skills in Mathematics is the most basic requirement for any meaningful educational career. While interacting with children studying in various schools in Nankari, Ratanpur, Barasirohi, Devi Sahay Nagar, we find that children even in class 9 and above are not able to do basic arithmetic operations on fractions and decimal numbers.



Surely, there are good students and teachers, but the fact that people with no insight of mathematics also get tuitions and teaching positions, tell the pathetic condition of Mathematics in our immediate neighborhood.

Keeping the above things in our mind, Shiksha Sopan started special classes on mathematics at Sopan Ashram in the month of August. First interaction was done among Shiksha Sopan senior volunteers, some students and their parents. First special class on mathematical puzzles and maths activities was given on 21st August. In these classes, we are emphasizing oral mathematics developing feel for numbers and reducing the dependence on cramming procedures. We now wish to come up with a different syllabus which will have a far reaching impact on Mathematics education in rural areas.

Mr Anurag Pandey, Joint Secretary, Shiksha Sopan had taken all the responsibilities to conduct these classes. At present Mr Karan Kashyap, Mr Ashwani Kumar and Mr Kaustav Kashyap Das, IITK NSS students are giving classes to the children studying in class 5th to class 8th students.

Other Informations

Web site : For more details please visit www.shiksha-sopan.org

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